

Fiesta Championships

Race Reports Magazine



**Find out what happened at Donington Park
on the 14/15 September 2013
when Junior Fiestas went racing**

Vortex Motorsport News Fiesta Junior Championship Race report 08 – Donington Park – 14th & 15th September 2013

Introduction and news.



Another good grid for these rounds of the Fiesta Junior Championship. The news for the ultimate rounds at Brands Hatch are that at least 13 competitors will be out and racing, maybe more? The weather was seasonably unpredictable and I should firstly apologise for the postponement of the trophy awards. This was due to several factors, but, we will be doing the presentations at Brands Hatch on the Saturday during the day at a time to be notified.

There has been a steady stream of enquiries these past few weeks and as many as SIX new potential competitors will be coming along to Brands Hatch to meet us and talk about the 2014 season. The Fiesta Junior Championship will continue to run alongside the senior Championship in 2014 and at BRSCC Clubman race events. However, there have been some interesting developments with an enquiry from a new organisation who is aiming to promote meetings in a new and innovative style to attract many more spectators. I have been in at the ground floor for these talks and will be meeting up soon with the organisers to see how we may be both involved and to benefit from the strategy. When some concrete information is available then I will let you all know what it is all about.

The BBC Radio Derby 'live' interview went ahead on Saturday morning and both Lucy and I made the short trip to the studios to explain about the Fiestas and the whole weekend. This may be heard via the Latest News (<http://www.fordracing.eu/BBCRadioDerbywebversion.wmv>) section on both websites. We included Fiesta Junior quite prominently and mentioned Natasha Hussain as a mini profile for the listeners.



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POS	NO	NAME	ENTRY	TIME	ON	LAPS	GAP	DIFF	MPH
1	11	Robert COX	Ford Fiesta ST	1:31.374	7	12			77.97
2	51	Alex REED	Ford Fiesta ST	1:31.450	2	3	0.076	0.076	77.90
3	4	James -JJ- ROSS	Ford Fiesta ST	1:32.073	4	7	0.699	0.623	77.38
4	88	Ben WILCOX	Ford Fiesta ST	1:32.082	7	12	0.708	0.009	77.37
5	13	Rory COLLINGBOURNE	Ford Fiesta ST	1:32.178	4	8	0.804	0.096	77.29
8	50	Geri NICOSIA	Ford Fiesta ST	1:33.261	5	13	1.887	1.083	76.39
7	43	Thomas GRUNDY	Ford Fiesta ST	1:33.411	6	12	2.037	0.150	76.27
8	41	Aaron THOMPSON	Ford Fiesta ST	1:35.861	5	10	4.487	2.450	74.32
9	1	Natasha HUSSAIN	Ford Fiesta ST	1:37.764	6	11	6.390	1.903	72.71
10	34	Michael HIGGS	Ford Fiesta ST	1:43.367	2	4	11.993	5.603	68.92
* CAR 43 - NO WORKING TRANSPONDER PLEASE FIX, MSA REGULATION 012.2.1									
* CAR 41 - LOW TRANSONDER BATTERY PLEASE CHARGE									

Donington Park National Circuit Length = 1.9790 miles Weather / Track : Cloudy / Dry Start: 09:31 Flag 09:51 End: 09:53

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Vortex Motorsport News Fiesta Junior Championship QUALIFYING - RACE 8 - CLASSIFICATION

POS	NO	NAME	ENTRY	TIME	ON	LAPS	GAP	DIFF	MPH
1	51	Alex REED	Ford Fiesta ST	1:25.679	9	10			83.15
2	4	James -JJ- ROSS	Ford Fiesta ST	1:26.121	3	5	0.442	0.442	82.72
3	11	Robert COX	Ford Fiesta ST	1:26.144	6	7	0.465	0.023	82.70
4	13	Rory COLLINGBOURNE	Ford Fiesta ST	1:26.328	10	10	0.649	0.184	82.52
5	50	Geri NICOSIA	Ford Fiesta ST	1:26.546	10	10	0.867	0.218	82.32
6	88	Ben WILCOX	Ford Fiesta ST	1:26.578	9	10	0.899	0.032	82.29
7	34	Michael HIGGS	Ford Fiesta ST	1:26.672	6	10	0.993	0.094	82.20
8	43	Thomas GRUNDY	Ford Fiesta ST	1:27.461	9	10	1.782	0.789	81.46
9	1	Natasha HUSSAIN	Ford Fiesta ST	1:28.541	7	9	2.862	1.080	80.46
10	41	Aaron THOMPSON	Ford Fiesta ST	1:30.808	4	4	5.129	2.267	78.45

* CAR 50 - 1 LAP TIME DISALLOWED, TRACK LIMITS

Donington Park National Circuit Length = 1.9790 miles Weather / Track : Cloudy / Dry Start: 13:25 Flag 13:40 End: 13:41

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Race 1



Many people contacted me after the weekend from within and outside the Championship to compliment and comment on the excellent racing the Fiesta Junior drivers provided at Donington. I was delighted to receive those compliments on your behalf and to thank those concerned for making the effort to call and email me.

We were expecting a close race with lots of action and the drivers found the 'script' appealing and had endorsed it.



From the lights going out, the ten car field made a frantic dash to Redgate and away. A full 20 minute race ahead, and 14 laps to cover on a near two mile track length. After the scramble they safely made it through Redgate and away down the infamous Craner Curves and then the old chicane. Coming back into view behind the grandstand the leader as he crossed the line at the end of lap 1 was Rob Cox. When one describes a car being closely followed, it didn't do justice as James Ross with his gap of 3/10ths of one second seemed magnetised to the leading Cox Fiesta ST. Alex Reed was already a few seconds back and being harried Michael Higgs and Ben Wilcox with Aaron Thompson and Geri Nicosia next. A very small gap back to Thomas Grundy (who now seems looking sharper as he gets used to his charger) and Natasha Hussain and Rory Collingbourne who had slipped of and from his 4th place qualifying starting point was at the back. Ross pressed and worried the leader Cox, but the latter kept to his task and coped well with his adversary. After lap 2 the field had eased out ever so slightly to



show a little daylight between them. Reed also drove well but seemed doomed to stay in 3rd place as he tried to improve the gap which stubbornly held out to around 4 seconds. Wilcox, up from 5th in lap 1 was now 4th on lap 2. Lap

4 and Thompson was pitting and just two laps later it was Collingbourne who reluctantly had to also pit. Wilcox improved his lot by moving up to 3rd on lap 8. The Ross determination and persistence paid off on lap 9 as he got by Cox to lead the race. Cox though, found another trick in his report ire and regained the lead on lap 10. It really was the ultimate close race for the lead. In a similar situation, Higgs had deprived Reed of 4th on lap 9 but the former turned that around to take it back on lap 10. Ross tried everything bar a magician's wand to edge himself back into the lead but the chequered flag spoiled his race as Rob Cox crossed the line to win from James Ross and Ben Wilcox.

If anyone could remotely doubt the quality of racing in our Fiesta Junior Championship, then just watch the race when it comes out on MotorsTV. Magic stuff!

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RACE 8 - CLASSIFICATION

POS	NO	NAME	ENTRY	LAPS	TIME	GAP	DIFF	MPH	BEST	ON
1	11	Robert COX	Ford Fiesta ST	14	20:20.275			81.73	1:26.148	10
2	4	James -JJ- ROSS	Ford Fiesta ST	14	20:20.565	0.290	0.290	81.72	1:26.187	8
3	88	Ben WILCOX	Ford Fiesta ST	14	20:27.875	7.600	7.310	81.23	1:26.163	7
4	81	Alex REED	Ford Fiesta ST	14	20:33.472	13.197	5.597	80.86	1:26.203	7
5	34	Michael HIGGS	Ford Fiesta ST	14	20:35.974	15.699	2.502	80.70	1:26.746	3
6	43	Thomas GRUNDY	Ford Fiesta ST	14	21:01.846	41.671	25.872	79.04	1:28.663	8
7	80	Geri NICOSIA	Ford Fiesta ST	14	21:18.902	58.627	17.056	77.99	1:28.736	7
8	1	Natasha HUSSAIN	Ford Fiesta ST	14	21:25.977	1:06.702	7.075	77.56	1:28.481	11
NOT CLASSIFIED										
DNF	13	Rory COLLINGBOURNE	Ford Fiesta ST	6	9:36.897	8 Laps	8 Laps	74.09	1:30.163	5
DNF	41	Aaron THOMPSON	Ford Fiesta ST	4	6:43.591	10 Laps	2 Laps	70.61	1:27.863	3
FASTEST LAP										
	11	Robert COX	Ford Fiesta ST	10	1:26.148	82.70 mph	133.09 kph			

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An internet report on Aiden Moffatt who in 2012 was racing in Fiesta Junior – read on

A Scottish teenager who is still too young to hold a driving licence will make racing history this weekend when he lines up on the British Touring Car Championship grid at Knockhill for the first time. At just 16 years, 10 months and 28 days, Aiden Moffat will be the youngest racer to compete in Britain's premier racing series, taking on seasoned professionals including triple champion Matt Neal (46 years), double champion Jason Plato (45 years) and reigning BTCC champion and fellow Scot, Gordon Shedden (a sprightly 34). The youngster, who already has a four-year racing career behind him and now competes in the Celtic Speed Mini Cooper Cup as well as the Scottish Ford Fiesta Championship, has been confirmed in the BTCC for the rest of 2013, driving a Finesse Motorsport-run S2000 Chevrolet Cruze.

If he can do it – so can you. Fiesta Junior – you know it makes sense!!

Race 2

Would this be a repeat of the first race or would the fates play a hand. Well someone did as the race endured spots of rain about two thirds of the way in.



Red lights off and away again. Poleman Rob Cox held off the initial challenge from first James Ross and then Alex Reed who had found another spark to ignite his pace. Ben Wilcox pressed Ross hard and it looked as though the former might press Ross into a mistake. It did not happen. Another long 14 lap race ahead and as the first lap ended, Cox was leading Reed by less than one second. With Ross third by a similar amount. However, pressure maybe the reason that the rocket pace of Reed was his undoing as he fell from his hard one 2nd down to 4th on lap 2, thus promoting Ross and Wilcox to fill out the podium places. Higgs was up breathing on the Wilcox 'neck' with Geri Nicosia and Rory

Collingbourne next. Thomas Grundy was next with Natasha Hussain back a ways after a minor off. Lap 3 and Nicosia fell down the order with a slippery moment, thus Collingbourne now in 6th. Lap 6 and Reed found extra traction to smoothly move up to 4th but then on lap 7 fell back yet again to 6th. This lap saw Collingbourne quietly making progress to 4th. Lap 10 came and went with no change in the order with Cox still just ahead of Ross and Wilcox a good 3rd. Reed had pitted on lap 8 and was to re-join a lap down. The Ross magic wand was used on lap 11 as he nipped by Cox then on lap 12 so did Wilcox to go 2nd. The wet conditions were causing Cox problems and his setup was not as helpful as

the leaders. However he survived some moments to end his race. Chequered flag and James Ross won the race with an impressive 3 second gap to Ben Wilcox in 2nd and the survivor Rob Cox 3rd with a three second gap back to the closing Rory Collingbourne. Enough of the superlatives – just great racing again.



